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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, February 5-23, 1948

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Columbus, Miss.,

Feb. 5, 1948.

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Hon. Jno. C. Stennis, Senator,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

You possibly would not know me if you would meet me in the middle of the road; but I was chancery clerk of Lowndes County from 1932 to 1932 and had observed you in court, not as ~~a~~ one who had been called to the bar of justice or a juryman; but just as an observer in the court room and in your election to the senate in a quiet way I put in a word here and there that might have helped in the furtherance of your cause, this without any expectation of reward of any kind.

I know that you have jumped into the confusion and radicalism that is rampant in Washington, which is entirely different to the nature of good people of this Southland and that ordinarily it would take you a good while to <sup>get</sup> acclimated; but this thing that the democratic party is trying to put over on the folk in the South solely for the purpose of furthering the Democratic cause in the key states of the East is more than you can take and more than I can take and I am not going to swallow it laying down.

I have always befriended the negro in every way possible and have helped many to own homes and now employ, three, a cook, washwoman and handyman and they are just as good as they can be in every way and I would

go to their defense and I know they would come to mine if I ~~was~~ sick and needed someone; but just to think the party that has been kept alive by the South has gone back on us, I am no longer a democrat, if things don't change as to ~~what~~ is advocated by the democratic party I shall work harder to elect a republican, than I did to help elect you and everyone I talk to, feels the same way and there is no chance to appease us they did in the last convention by switching the vice presidential candidate, that will not work twice, it seems that we made about as bad choice.

I am writing you this just to help encourage you and let you know that we are all with you and will stand by you with a right arm and clinched left fist to go in there fighting.

Best wishes to you and hoping that you keep up the good work, as we are a gone baby in this country if this legislation goes over and we might as well be taken over by Stalin as far as I am concerned, or assigned to our favorite burying ground.

Yours respectfully,



*[Handwritten signatures and scribbles are visible below the redaction box.]*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

*Civil Rights*

February 23, 1948

[REDACTED]  
Columbus, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your good letter of February 5th. I deeply appreciate this communication with its timely comment and advice. These are indeed difficult times but I believe if we all think and work hard at common sense solutions, we will pull through and render a real service to the Nation and the world.

I remember you personally and respect you very highly. If you are ever in Washington I certainly hope you will come by to see me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

U. S. S.

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